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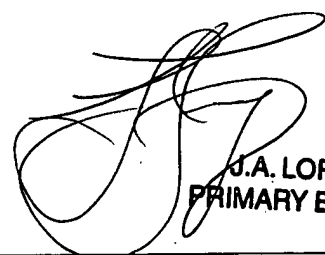
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 03 September 2003 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The proposed amendments filed on September 3, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.312 has not been entered because the amendments change the scope of the claims.*

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